

GUARDS ON JAIL AFTER VIOLENCE IS THREATENED

Friends of Wife Reported to Have Threatened Life of Confessed Poisoner

FAIRMONT, Minn., Dec. 29.—Sheriff W. S. Carver tonight placed guards in the Martin county jail following threats of violence made against Clarence Hamblen, who according to the sheriff, confessed that he poisoned his wife as she lay in a sick bed at Ceylon, October 9 last.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Hamblen whose family is prominent, were reported to have made threats against the life of Hamblen. A kinsman, who was largely instrumental in starting the investigation which resulted in the examination of Mrs. Hamblen's body is said to have declared that he would shoot the prisoner on sight.

Although confident that no violence could be done the prisoner, Sheriff Carver took cognizance of the reports and stationed the guards.

Hamblen, who also is charged with setting fire to his home after his wife's death, was arraigned here today on a charge of arson and was ordered held to the grand jury. He will be charged with murder, officials said.

It is planned to call a special grand jury to indict the prisoner for murder. According to Sheriff Carver, the motive for the crime was infatuation with another woman who formerly lived near Ceylon. She was divorced there, the sheriff said, and later moved to California. Last summer she visited Ceylon.



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It is an embarrassing thing for a woman to have to "ask" for every red cent that she spends.

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Shortly after the woman left the sheriff said, Hamblen collected insurance on his furniture which was damaged by a fire and a week later also collected insurance on his automobile which was burned.

Then, the sheriff continued, he had his life and that of his wife insured for \$1,000 apiece. A month later Mrs. Hamblen became ill, and four days later—on October 13—she died in convulsions. Nothing was suspected until representatives of the state fire marshal's office were asked by insurance companies to investigate the furniture, and automobile losses.

After Mrs. Hamblen died, her husband left town and on November 24 County Attorney Paul C. Cooper obtained the body of the woman exhumed. The contents of the stomach were sent to the University of Minnesota for analysis, which revealed the presence of poison. The search for Hamblen was begun and he was arrested in Stockton, Calif., December 15.

According to Sheriff Niecks, of Stockton, Hamblen wrote the former Ceylon woman there that he was coming and asked her not to reveal his plans.

In his confession which was signed and sworn to today in the presence of witnesses, according to the sheriff, Hamblen blames financial troubles for the murder.

Thrill in planting a narcissus bulb comes when guessing if it will be a Chinese lily, jonquil or onion.

EX-MAYOR NOT WORRYING OVER MURDER CHARGE

Mer Rouge Physician Denied Immediate Release on Writ of Habeas Corpus

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—Attorney Robert R. Carmichael, counsel for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., declared today he would appeal to Judge John C. Rose of the federal circuit court of appeals for a writ of habeas corpus should Governor Albert Ritchie of Maryland grant the request of Governor Parker of Louisiana for the return to that state of Dr. McKoin. Dr. McKoin who is being held here for the murder of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, following the Morehouse parish kidnappings of last August was denied immediate release today on a similar writ, obtained in city court yesterday.

Three judges heard arguments on the writ. Assistant States Attorney G. L. Clark read a telegram in court from Governor Parker addressed to Governor Ritchie asking the latter to delay the hearing pending the arrival of extradition papers. Chief Justice James P. Minter in announcing the decision said:

"We find that the charge is of such serious character, that we believe the traverser should be held until the authorities of Louisiana have an opportunity to present the proper papers. The traverser is remanded to the police without prejudice."

The deputy sheriff of Morehouse parish who has with him an affidavit and the extradition papers is expected to arrive here sometime tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hugh H. Young, with whom Dr. McKoin has been associated at the Brady Institute of Johns Hopkins medical school, telegraphed Governor Parker and Attorney General Cocco of Louisiana protesting the doctor's innocence.

Although Dr. McKoin has repeatedly denied he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, Governor Parker's telegram refers to him as "a leader of the Ku Klux Klan at Mer Rouge." Dr. McKoin stated he has never been asked to join the organization. He praised the Klan, however, for its good work in ridding Mer Rouge of many undesirable, and for its aid in making good citizens out of men "who undoubtedly would have landed in jail sooner or later."

Dr. McKoin, who was in court throughout the proceedings was not asked to testify. In answering newspaper men today, he said:

"I am not worrying at all about this murder charge which Governor Parker has ordered me arrested on. I know I shall establish my innocence to the satisfaction of all the better class of citizens who are advocates of law and order."

COAL HOLDINGS ARE PURCHASED BY HENRY FORD

Directors Confirm Sale and Authorize Special Meeting to Ratify Action

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Sale to the Ford Motor company of the coal lands, mining plant and equipment of the Pond Creek coal company, situated in Pike county, Kentucky, was announced today by President T. B. Davis of the coal company. The purchase price was not announced by Mr. Davis but he estimated that upon final liquidation, the net worth of the present company would approximate \$45 a share. There are 212,920 shares of common stock.

The board of directors of the Pond Creek coal company at a meeting late today confirmed the sale and authorized the calling of a special meeting of stockholders to ratify their action.

It was announced that the full cash consideration involved in the transaction had been deposited in the National Shawmut bank of this city in escrow pending examination of titles.

A Detroit man's wife treated him like a dog. He claims she fed the cats first.

The difference between president and vice president is, who knows Coolidge was in California?

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MOREHOUSE KIDNAPING

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closed. At its conclusion the governor announced he would leave for Baton Rouge and would not attend the night session. It was known that volumes of evidence were gone over.

Friends of Former Mayor Dr. P. M. McKoin of Mer Rouge, were disappointed today when they learned he had been denied bail at Baltimore where he is under arrest on a charge of murder in connection with the case. His friends had promised to put up any amount of bond necessary. A fund is being raised in this and adjoining parishes to be used in defense of the physician.

In the meanwhile, a deputy sheriff, armed with a warrant charging McKoin with murder was enroute to Baltimore. This deputy arrested T. J. Burnett, former deputy sheriff, last Saturday, and placed him in the Bastrop jail.

Sheriff Carpenter said today he expected that McKoin would join Burnett in the parish jail here by Tuesday. The jail is being guarded by state troops. Machine guns are trained on it.

District Judge Odum today announced that action on the application for a preliminary hearing made by Burnett would not be taken until next week.

URGES PLAN DEFEATED

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as at home, to the embarrassment of what the administration already was doing toward aiding Europe. Evidently drafted with great care after consultation with Secretary Hughes, however, the communication failed to give any detail of the negotiations or of its progress.

Neither would White House or state department officials divulge any further information on the subject. They declared the affair was necessarily veiled in diplomacy and left developments shrouded in doubt. Virtually the only light thrown on the negotiations came from Senator Lodge during senate discussion when he said that cancellation of the foreign debt was opposed by the president and was not included in the negotiations.

A suggestion from the president in his letter that congress "free the hands" of the allied debt commission "so that helpful negotiations may be undertaken" developed special interest in the senate. Senator Lodge said he was authorized to state that the president meant that time for payment of principal and interest of foreign debts might be extended. Senator Borah, however, in brief comment on the president's letter charged that the administration proposed in effect to cancel the foreign debt by deferring payments "until the seventh or eighth generation has passed over the Jordan."

In discussions at the state department, rumors of the administration's activities continued of wide and varied form. One was based on press reports from abroad suggesting possibilities of a four-power European peace pact as a means of settlement of the reparations question but this also failed to elicit any comment whatever in official circles. The unofficial report was that Germany desired the United States to suggest such a course to the allies, France, Great Britain, Belgium and Germany to join in the peace agreement and possibly Italy.

While it was impossible to get any reaction in official quarters on this new phase of the European peace pact suggestion, known to have been considered first abroad more than a year ago, it attracted much unofficial attention. A possibility that it had been evolved in Germany as a means of meeting French demands as to adequate security from attack was suggested. Since the three-power agreement for defense of France which would have insured attention and British support against any German aggression, failed when rejected in the United States, it occurred to some observers that the four power European peace plan was an alternative.

Several lively tilts occurred also between Senator Borah, Lodge, Johnson, Republican of California, Reed, Democrat of Missouri and others.

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PROPOUNDS PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT WORLD PROBLEM

Article in English Journal Is Supposed to Reflect Attitude of Government

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—An important article supposedly reflecting in a broad way the views held by the British government, is contributed to the Current Week's issue of the Spectator by its editor, John St. Loe Strachey. Under the caption "an appeal to America" the editor propounds a plan for world settlement under three headings as follows:

First—Get Great Britain's debt to America funded.

Second—Ask America to assist in ascertaining the amount of reparations Germany is able to pay and induce France to accept that sum by undertaking to cooperate in the defense of France against German aggression.

Third—America and England then to inaugurate some system of international legal tender, permitting resumption of international exchange on a sound basis.

On the promise that the new year has a dark outlook unless the mechanism of commerce is stabilized and the essential to this is fixing reparations irrevocably without which he says there can be no recovery for Germany, or for the world Mr. Strachey submits that the reparations problem is insoluble without a preliminary agreement in regard to the inter-allied indebtedness.

He suggests that Chancellor of the Exchequer Baldwin, who is on his way to the United States, tell the Washington government plainly that he has come to pay, and like a bank official ask the Americans "how they will take." Thus it would be for the Americans and not the British to propose a plan for funding the debt in a manner suiting them best and causing the least possible inconvenience to the world's money markets.

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Scientist Predicts Grand Canyon Will Continue to Widen

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—The prediction that the forces of erosion would continue to widen the grand canyon of the Colorado river until all the neighboring highlands were levelled into nearly featureless lowlands was made tonight before the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The speaker was William S. Davis, professor emeritus of geology at Harvard university. There could be no question he said, that the canyon had been produced by the gradual work of weather and water.

"Study of the canyon and of the earth generally," he said, "reveals no creation, but only a long sequence of changes—an evolution." The influence of written languages upon civilization was discussed by Dr. Chih, a Chinese graduate student at Harvard. He expressed the belief that a picture language such as that of China and the alphabet used in most countries, produced fundamentally different types of civilization. "The fundamental reason why China is so slow in being modernized," he said "is that its language cannot be indexed. Modern culture means science and machines and neither can operate without an index system."

Fear Expressed for Safety of Steamer; Gales Still Raging

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The north Atlantic seaboard tonight was clutched by gales such as have been raging off the shores of England and France and sweeping mid-ocean.

As the cables brought more stories of deaths and suffering overseas, small vessels began piling up on the Jersey and Long Island shores; the number of craft normally entering New York harbor was reduced by nearly one half; at least two outbound steamers dropped anchor in Graves End bay after passing out, and fear was entertained for the safety of at least one steamer—the German freighter Heinrich Kayser, bound from Savannah for Bremen, which was last reported in distress 500 miles off Cape May on December six.

Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The general cotton market today closed steady at net declines of 9 to 19 points.

Russia has done.

Japan, which herself was obliged during a long period to accord the same extra-territorial privileges to foreigners as Turkey, intervened in today's dramatic debate in the role of mediator. Baron Hayashi counseled Turkey to be patient and conciliatory. He recalled the many long years which passed before Japan succeeded in freeing herself from capitulations. Freedom finally had been attained with the help of the European nations.

He pleaded with Ismet Pasha to adopt an attitude similar to that of Japan; he was certain Turkey would receive every help as she entered into her new relations with the European powers, but such assistance necessarily was dependant upon a more conciliatory attitude by Turkey. He urged the Ankara statesmen to bring in counter proposals which would receive careful examination and concluded:

"The key to the solution of the problem lies in the hands of Ismet Pasha; I hope that he will reconsider and endeavor to reach a satisfactory solution."

The Turkish delegation had a long conference tonight to consider the latest serious developments and frame the Turkish reply, which may be ready for submission to the conference tomorrow.

SUBMIT REPORT ON STATE TAX DELINQUENCIES

Recommendation for Change in Present Tax Law Is Made by Commission

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28.—Recommendations that changes be made in the present delinquent tax law, especially as to the collection of delinquencies, and in the gasoline tax law were contained in the biennial report of the Arizona state tax commission submitted today to Governor Thomas E. Campbell by Charles R. Howe, chairman of the commission.

The report, in addition to the recommendations contains a report on the entire work of the commission during the past two years. Tabulations show the expenditure of the commission during the past two years and also the assessed valuations of the state.

The recommendation for a change in the delinquent tax law was made by the commission in the section devoted to delinquent taxes. The commission points out that the present law has apparently fallen down.

The present law, the commission declares, provides for the collection of the back taxes by the county attorneys of each county and due to the fact that most of these officials are exceptionally busy on account of the immense amount of criminal work passing through their hands the collection of back taxes is of necessity a secondary matter with them and as a result an effort to collect them is made in but few of the counties of the state. The commission in its recommendation does not offer any specific plan for the collection of the taxes but suggests that the law be amended to take the matter out of the hands of the county attorneys in each county.

In this way, Chairman Howe said, better results would be secured at a much less cost than under the present system.

ELECTED SECRETARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—E. A. S. Clarke former president of the Lackawanna Steel corporation and the Consolidated Steel corporation has been elected secretary of the American Iron and Steel institute it was announced today by President E. H. Gary. Mr. Clarke, who also is a director of the institute will assume his new duties January 2.



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